Review Training SOG

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The OPD observed the SOG training session and compiled the following report based on its findings and observations.

We arrived at the training session just as the initial breaching drill commenced.

Our first impression was that the trainees had not been adequately briefed on the proper breaching techniques or the necessary communication protocols.

Additionally, we observed a cadet engaging in unrelated actions, which reflected a lack of professionalism and supervision on the part of the Field Training Officer (FTO).

However, it should be noted that the cadets appeared to possess a strong foundation of prior training and experience, even if they had not previously trained under the SASM program.

It was also evident that, for new recruits,
the lack of detailed instruction and guidance could present significant challenges and potentially hinder their ability to successfully complete the drill.

It should also be noted that, during interviews conducted with the cadets after the training session, and in the absence of the FTO, all cadets stated that they felt they had not learned anything from the training.

They further expressed that if a completely new cadet with no prior experience had participated in the training in its current state, they likely would not have passed.

Additionally, I feel it is important to note that the cadets did not receive any training related to flashbang deployment or procedures whatsoever.

The conclusions are that the FTOs need a better-structured training guide to help improve the quality of their training.

They also need to conduct more thorough briefings and debriefings with their cadets to answer any questions they may have.

I recommend that all cadets complete the quiz, rather than only those who performed poorly during the training.

I also recommend that the FTOs provide cadets with more information and ask follow-up questions about the material given to ensure they fully understand it.

FTOs should answer questions regarding regulations by referring to the SOP, rather than making up their own answers.

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